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I KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS, DEAR DIARY... SAM HOLDEN HAD A FIANCEE (I DETESTED EDIE LANE) AND I KNEW HE THOUGHT OF ME AS PART OF THE OFFICE FURNITURE! IT BROKE MY HEART, DEAR DIARY, TO HAVE HIM LOOK AT ME AS IF I DIDN'T EXIST!
...AND PHONE THE FOUR BROTHERS FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS AT EIGHT. TOMORROW, YOU...
EXCUSE ME, MR. HOLDEN. I WON'T BE HERE TOMORROW. I'VE GOT A THREE WEEK VACATION AND I'M LEAVING A DAY EARLY.
REALLY? I'D FORGOTTEN, MISS RYALL. I HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY NICE VACATION. I'LL MISS YOU!
MRS. ARNOFF IS VERY EFFICIENT, MR. HOLDEN.
GET AWAY FOR A CHANGE

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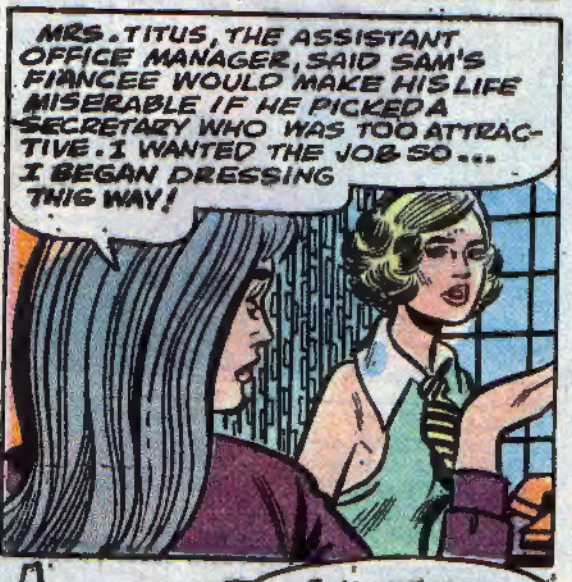
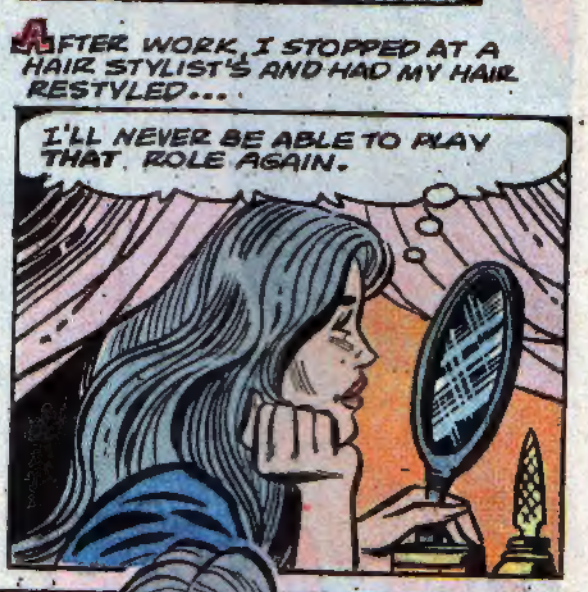
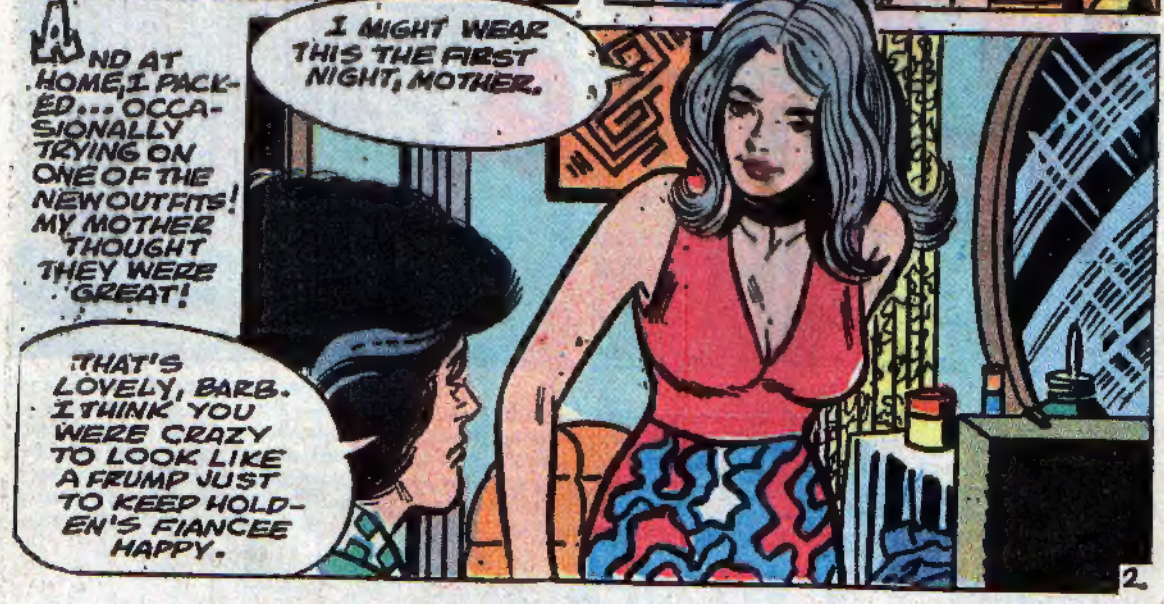
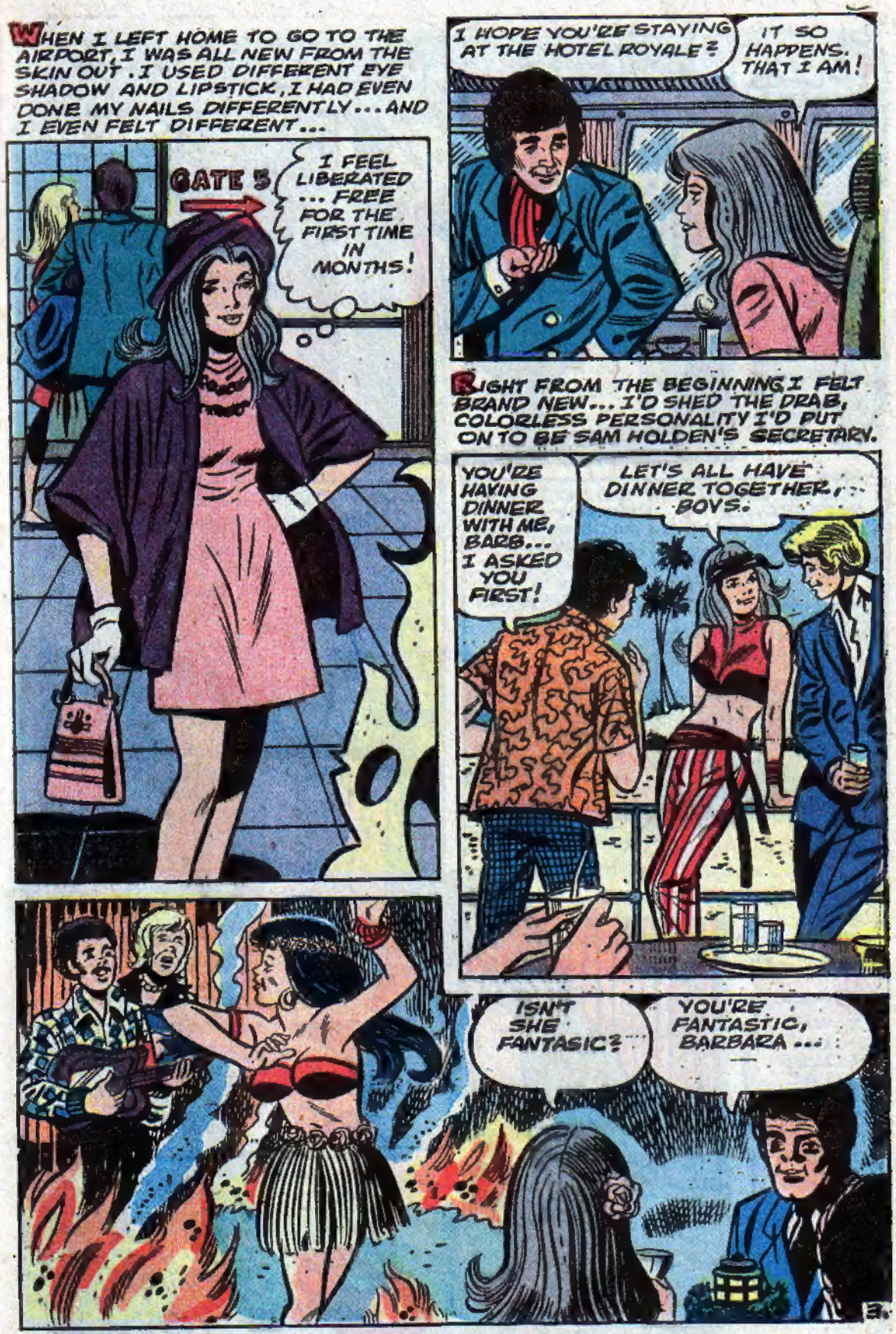
I'LL BE GLAD TO GET AWAY! I BOUGHT A LOT OF NEW CLOTHES... FOR THREE WEEKS, I'M GOING TO BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHY YOU WEAR SUCH DISMAL DRES-SES, BARB. I THOUGHT YOU LIKED THEM.

I BEGAN DRESSING THIS WAY WHEN SAM HOLDEN CHOSE ME AS HIS SECRETARY.


MRS. TITUS, THE ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER, SAID SAM'S FIANCEE WOULD MAKE HIS LIFE MISERABLE IF HE PICKED A SECRETARY WHO WAS TOO ATTRACTIVE. I WANTED THE JOB SO... I BEGAN DRESSING THIG WAY!


AFTER WORK, I STOPPED AT A HAIR STYLIST'S AND HAD MY HAIR RESTYLED...
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PLAY THAT ROLE AGAIN.


AND AT HOME, I PACKED... OCCASIONALLY TRYING ON ONE OF THE NEW OUTFITS! MY MOTHER THOUGHT THEY WERE GREAT!
I MIGHT WEAR THIS THE FIRST NIGHT, MOTHER.
THAT'S LOVELY, BARB. I THINK YOU WERE CRAZY TO LOOK LIKE A FRUMP JUST TO KEEP HOLDEN'S FIANCEE HAPPY.


WHEN I LEFT HOME TO GO TO THE AIRPORT, I WAS ALL NEW FROM THE SKIN OUT. I USED DIFFERENT EYE SHADOW AND LIPSTICK, I HAD EVEN DONE MY NAILS DIFFERENTLY... AND I EVEN FELT DIFFERENT...
GATE 5
I FEEL LIBERATED ... FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS!
I HOPE YOU'RE STAYING AT THE HOTEL ROYALE?
IT SO HAPPENS. THAT I AM!
RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING I FELT BRAND NEW... I'D SHED THE DRAB, COLORLESS PERSONALITY I'D PUT ON TO BE SAM HOLDEN'S SECRETARY.
YOU'RE HAVING DINNER WITH ME, BARB... I ASKED YOU FIRST!
LET'S ALL HAVE DINNER TOGETHER, BOYS.
ISN'T SHE FANTASIC?
YOU'RE FANTASTIC, BARBARA ...
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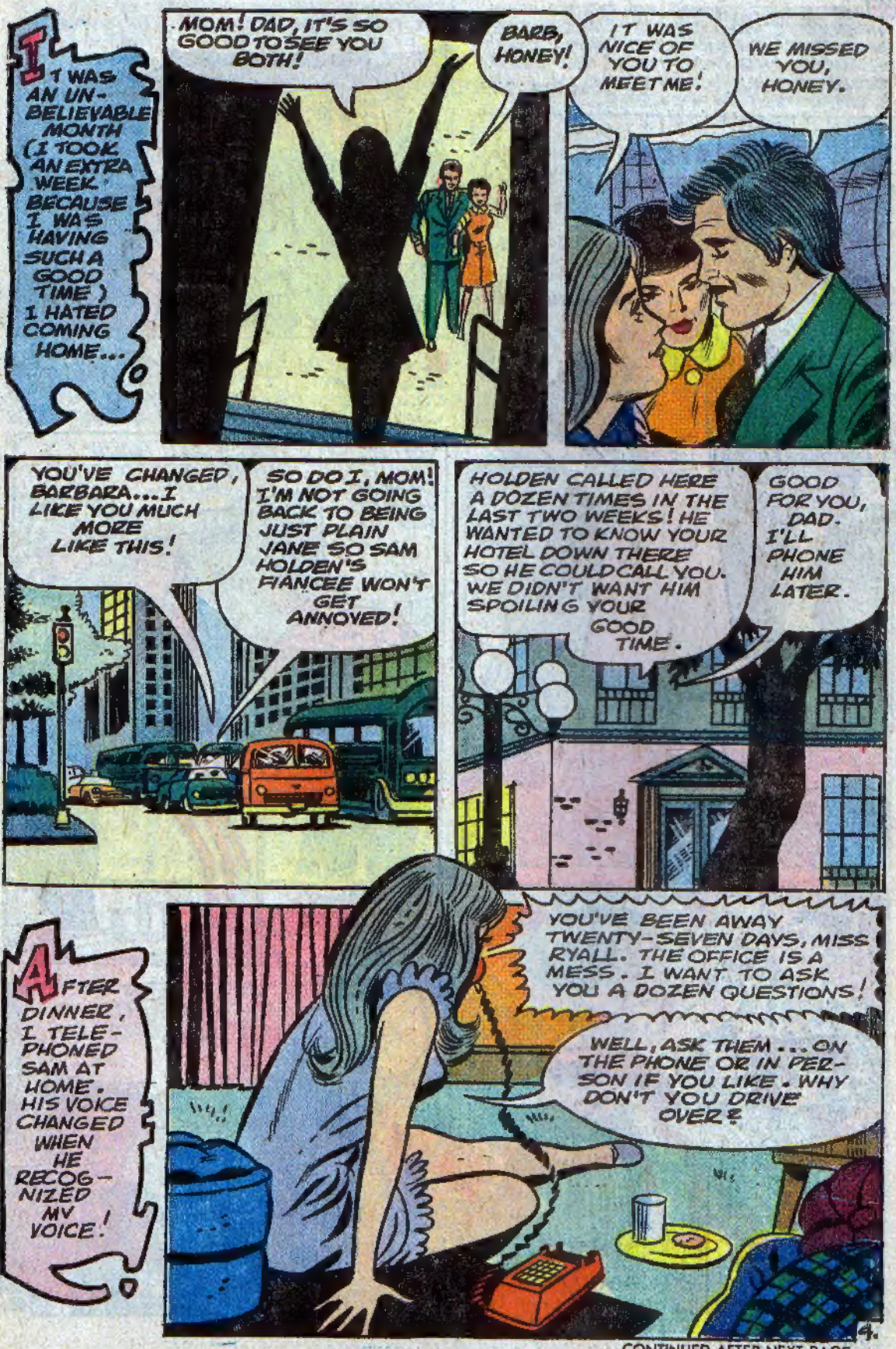
IT WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE MONTH (I TOOK AN EXTRA WEEK BECAUSE I WAS HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME) I HATED COMING HOME...
MOM! DAD, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU BOTH!
BARB, HONEY!
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO MEET ME!
WE MISSED YOU, HONEY.
YOU'VE CHANGED, BARBARA...I LIKE YOU MUCH MORE LIKE THIS!
SO DO I, MOM! I'M NOT GOING BACK TO BEING JUST PLAIN JANE SO SAM HOLDEN'S FIANCEE WON'T GET ANNOYED!
HOLDEN CALLED HERE A DOZEN TIMES IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS! HE WANTED TO KNOW YOUR HOTEL DOWN THERE SO HE COULD CALL YOU. WE DIDN'T WANT HIM SPOILING YOUR GOOD TIME.
GOOD FOR YOU, DAD. I'LL PHONE HIM LATER.
AFTER DINNER, I TELEPHONED SAM AT HOME. HIS VOICE CHANGED WHEN HE RECOGNIZED MY VOICE!
YOU'VE BEEN AWAY TWENTY-SEVEN DAYS, MISS RYALL. THE OFFICE IS A MESS. I WANT TO ASK YOU A DOZEN QUESTIONS!
WELL, ASK THEM... ON THE PHONE OR IN PERSON IF YOU LIKE. WHY DON'T YOU DRIVE OVER?

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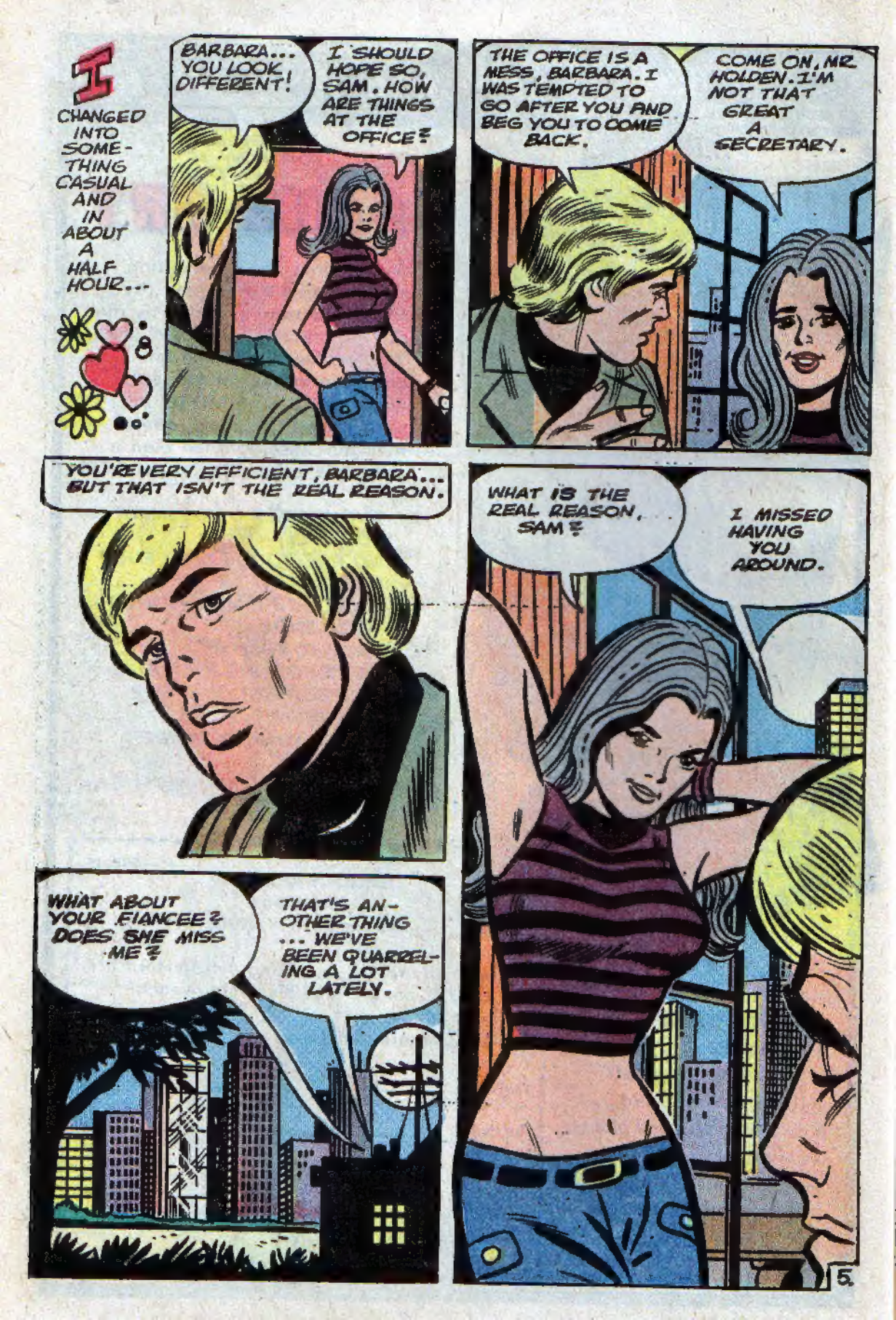
I CHANGED INTO SOMETHING CASUAL AND IN ABOUT A HALF HOUR...
BARBARA... YOU LOOK DIFFERENT!
I SHOULD HOPE SO, SAM. HOW ARE THINGS AT THE OFFICE?
THE OFFICE IS A MESS, BARBARA. I WAS TEMPTED TO GO AFTER YOU AND BEG YOU TO COME BACK.
COME ON, MR. HOLDEN. I'M NOT THAT GREAT A SECRETARY.
YOU'RE VERY EFFICIENT, BARBARA... BUT THAT ISN'T THE REAL REASON.
WHAT IS THE REAL REASON, SAM?
I MISSED HAVING YOU AROUND.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FIANCEE? DOES SHE MISS ME?
THAT'S ANOTHER THING ... WE'VE BEEN QUARRELING A LOT LATELY.
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JILL ARNOFF IS VERY ATTRACTIVE AND EDITH SAYS SHE DOESN'T CARE IF MRS. ARNOFF IS MARRIED... SHE WANTS SOMEONE ELSE IN HER PLACE.
THEN YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER. I'LL BE BACK MONDAY MORNING.
MONDAY MORNING, DEAR DIARY... I WORE ONE OF THE DRESSES I'D BOUGHT FOR MY VACATION...
YOU NEVER USED TO DRESS LIKE THAT FOR THE OFFICE, BARBARA!
I KNOW... BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW. IF SAM HOLDEN DOESNT LIKE IT, HE CAN FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO PLEASE HIS FIANCEE.
AT THE OFFICE...
BARB... YOU LOOK TERRIFIC! WAIT TILL MR. HOLDENS GIRL FRIEND GETS A LOOK AT YOU!
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BA... BARBARA, YOU LOOK WONDERFUL BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP LOOKING LIKE THAT!
WHY? HOW DO I LOOK, MR. HOLDEN?
YOU LOOK LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT WITH EDIE!
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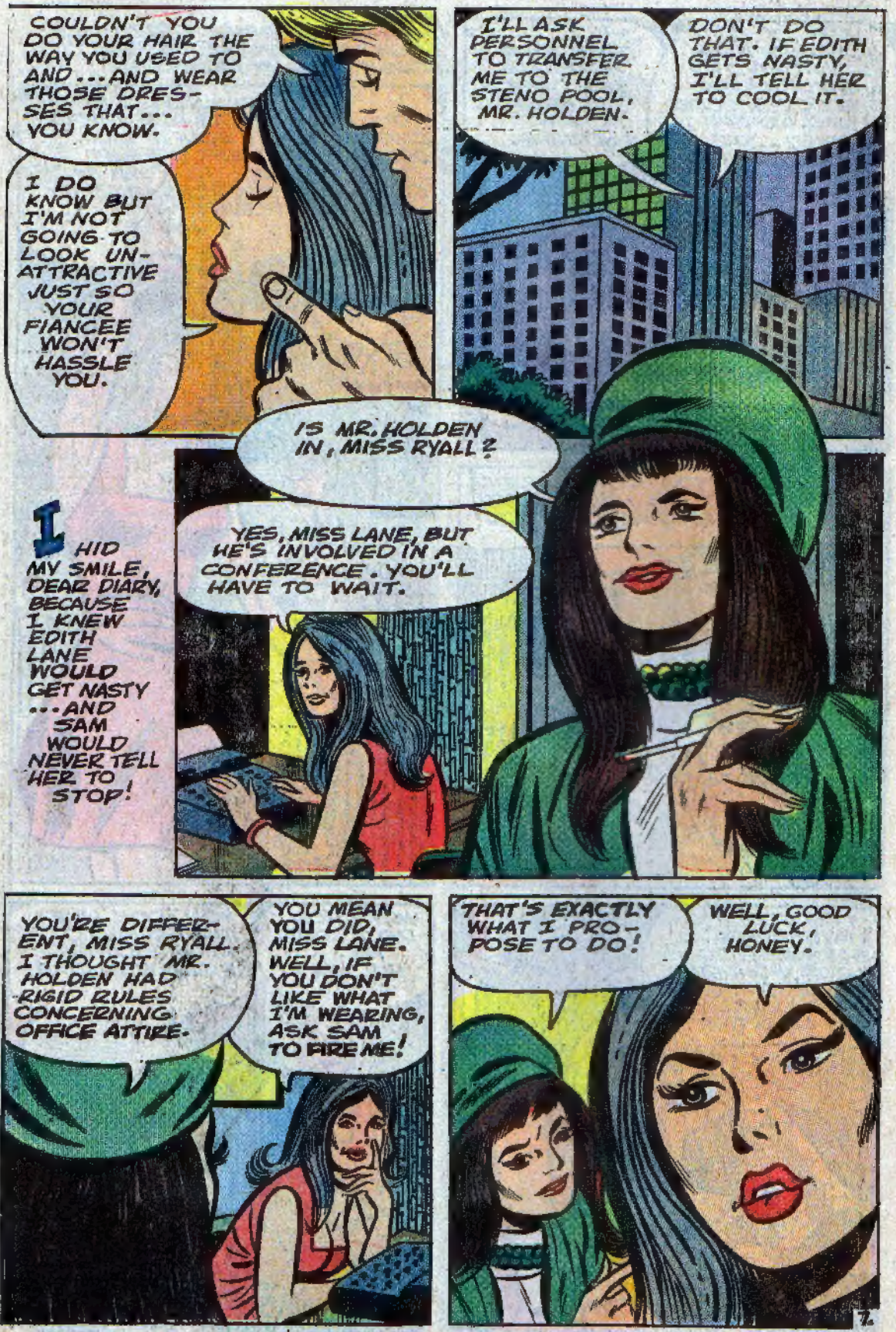
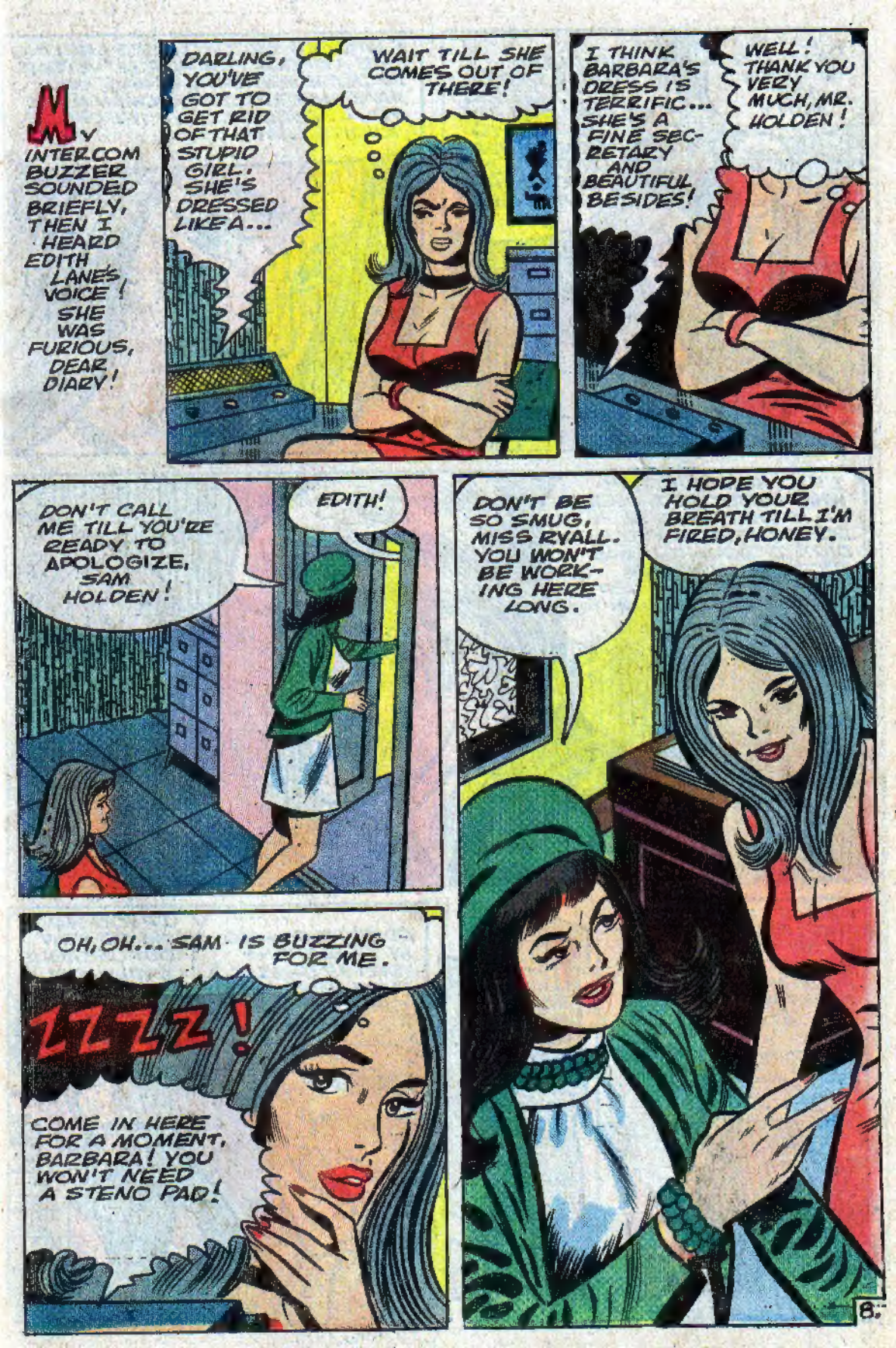

COULDN'T YOU DO YOUR HAIR THE WAY YOU USED TO AND...AND WEAR THOSE DRESSES THAT... YOU KNOW.
I DO KNOW BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LOOK UNATTRACTIVE JUST SO YOUR FIANCEE WON'T HASSLE YOU.
I'LL ASK PERSONNEL TO TRANSFER ME TO THE STENO POOL, MR. HOLDEN.
DON'T DO THAT. IF EDITH GETS NASTY, I'LL TELL HER TO COOL IT.
IS MR. HOLDEN IN, MISS RYALL?
YES, MISS LANE, BUT HE'S INVOLVED IN A CONFERENCE. YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT.
I HID MY SMILE, DEAR DIARY, BECAUSE I KNEW EDITH LANE WOULD GET NASTY ...AND SAM WOULD NEVER TELL HER TO STOP!
YOU'RE DIFFERENT, MISS RYALL. I THOUGHT MR. HOLDEN HAD RIGID RULES CONCERNING OFFICE ATTIRE.
YOU MEAN YOU DID, MISS LANE. WELL, IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT I'M WEARING, ASK SAM TO FIRE ME!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PROPOSE TO DO!
WELL, GOOD LUCK, HONEY.


MY INTERCOM BUZZER SOUNDED BRIEFLY, THEN I HEARD EDITH LANE'S VOICE! SHE WAS FURIOUS, DEAR DIARY!
DARLING, YOU'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THAT STUPID GIRL. SHE'S DRESSED LIKE A...
WAIT TILL SHE COMES OUT OF THERE!
I THINK BARBARA'S DRESS IS TERRIFIC... SHE'S A FINE SECRETARY AND BEAUTIFUL BESIDES!
WELL! THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HOLDEN!
DON'T CALL ME TILL YOU'RE READY TO APOLOGIZE, SAM HOLDEN!
EDITH!
DON'T BE SO SMUG, MISS RYALL. YOU WON'T BE WORKING HERE LONG.
I HOPE YOU HOLD YOUR BREATH TILL I'M FIRED, HONEY.
OH, OH... SAM IS BUZZING FOR ME.
ZZZZ!
COME IN HERE FOR A MOMENT, BARBARA! YOU WON'T NEED A STENO PAD!
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DID YOU APOLOGIZE TO EDITH JUST NOW?
WHY IN THE WORLD SHOULD I APOLOGIZE? SAM, SHE HAS NO RIGHT TO COME IN HERE AND TELL YOU WHO TO HIRE AND FIRE!
I WALKED AROUND HERE LOOKING LIKE A SPOOK FOR ALMOST A YEAR BECAUSE EDITH WAS AFRAID TO HAVE AN ATTRACTIVE WOMAN NEAR YOU... EVERYBODY IN THE OFFICE KNOWS THAT!
I HAD NO IDEA THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE THOUGHT ... IS THAT WHY YOU DRESSED THE WAY YOU DID? I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU EITHER COULDN'T AFFORD NEW CLOTHES OR JUST DIDN'T HAVE GOOD TASTE..
WELL, I'LL TELL YOU THIS! EDITH DID A LOT OF MY THINKING FOR ME BUT THAT'S OVER! FROM NOW ON, IT'LL BE MY WAY OR NOT AT ALL!
THAT MADE ME FEEL GOOD, REAL GOOD! I WORE A DIFFERENT DRESS TO THE OFFICE NEXT DAY...
EDITH IS COMING IN AT ELEVEN-THIRTY! SHE'LL TURN BLUE WHEN SHE SEES YOU!
IF YOU WANT ME TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT, I WILL, SAM.
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NO, BARBARA! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WANT HER TO NOTICE YOU... IF SHE BUTTS INTO MY BUSINESS, I WANT TO SET HER STRAIGHT.
I WAS AFRAID SHE WASN'T GOING TO BREAK THE ENGAGEMENT!
HERE, YOU WEAR IT UNTIL I FIND OUT SOMETHING...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT, SAM?
SLAM!
WHEN EDITH ARRIVED, SHE TOOK ONE LOOK AT ME AND STORMED INTO SAM'S OFFICE. I WAS RIGHT BEHIND HER!
SHE'S DOING THIS ON PURPOSE, SAM! EITHER YOU GET RID OF HER OR I'LL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR RING!
I'LL TAKE THE RING, EDITH! GOOD SECRETARIES AREN'T EASY TO FIND!
... WHY DID YOU WANT HER TO BREAK OUR ENGAGEMENT?
FOR THE SAME REASON YOU DID...
END

A LOVE CAN DIE
THANKS FOR SHARING THE COURT WITH US, DENISE. ERIC AND I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS CROWDED.
CLAIRE AND I ENJOY MIXED DOUBLES, JOSH.
FROM THE MOMENT DENISE WALTON MET JOSH DOOLITTLE, SHE KNEW HE WAS THE MAN SHE'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF...
ERIC ASKED ME TO LUNCH, DENISE. MAYBE JOSH WILL DROP YOU OFF AT THE APARTMENT.
I'LL GET A BUS, CLAIRE.
ERIC HAD COME IN JOSH'S CAR...SO JOSH VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE ME HOME. ON THE WAY HE MADE A SUGGESTION....
I'VE GOT SWIM TRUNKS IN MY UTILITY BAG, DENISE. WHY DON'T YOU GET YOUR BATHING SUIT AND WE'LL GO OUT TO THE LAKE?
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THAT WAS IDEAL FOR A SUMMER SATURDAY AFTERNOON...BUT I INVITED JOSH TO HAVE LUNCH AT THE APARTMENT FIRST.
I'LL CHANGE IN THE BATH HOUSE AT THE LAKE.
YOU DO A LOT FOR THAT BATHING SUIT, DENISE!
YOU'RE NOT TOO REPULSIVE YOURSELF, MAN.
I LOVED SWIMMING AND JOSH WAS VERY GOOD.
I FORGOT TO THANK YOU FOR A DELICIOUS LUNCH, DENISE....
WELL I SAY IT AND GET IT OVER WITH.
THANK YOU.
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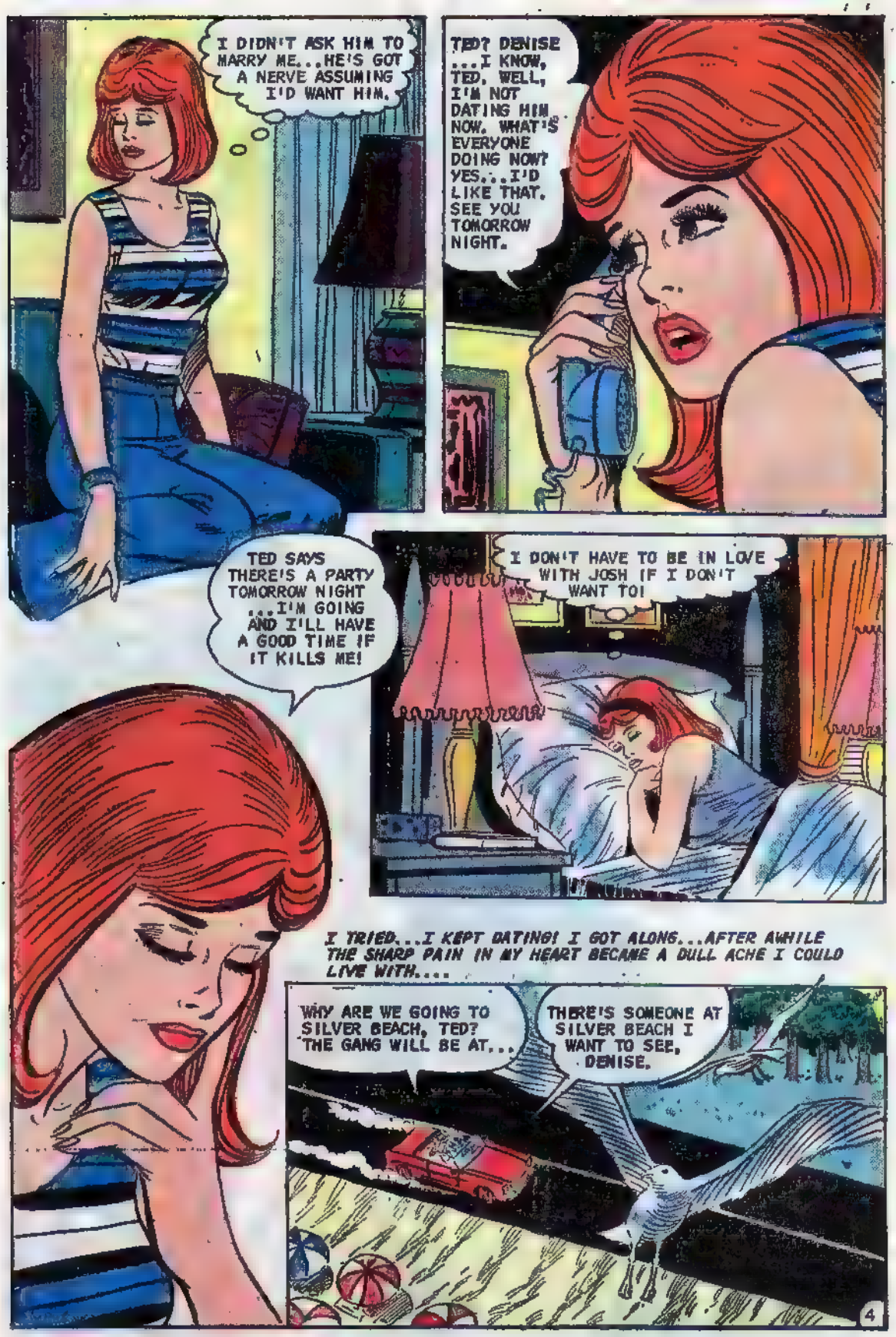
THAT WAS OUR FIRST DATE... AND FOR A COUPLE WEEKS, WE SPENT ALL OUR TIME TOGETHER. I TOLD TWO GUYS I'D BEEN SEEING TO FORGET ABOUT ME...
THERE'S A PARTY FRIDAY, JOSH. WE'LL HAVE FUN.
CAN'T MAKE IT, DENISE.
WHY'T ARE YOU BUSY OR....?
I'VE GOT A DATE...WITH ANOTHER GIRL, DENISE. I...I DON'T WANT TO GET SERIOUS. THE WAY WE'VE BEEN GOING, WE'LL BE SHOPPING FOR A RING OR SOMETHING. STUPID!
STUPID?

KEEP YOUR DATE, JOSH. YOU'RE RIGHT... IT WOULD BE STUPID TO GET EMOTIONALLY IN-VOLVED WITH AN ADOLESCENT LIKE YOU!

I KNEW WHY JOSH BEGAN DATING THE OTHER GIRL... HE WAS TERRIFIED OF MARRIAGE. HE'D TOLD ME THAT THE FIRST NIGHT WE DATED...HE'D SEEN TOO MANY GUYS GET 'HOOKED' IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES.
WELL? CALL ONE OF YOUR OLD FRIENDS, & TELL THEM YOU'RE DATING AGAIN.
I DON'T WANT TO DATE ANYONE ELSE, CLAIRE. I'M IN LOVE WITH JOSH... I ALWAYS WILL BE!


I DIDN'T ASK HIM TO MARRY ME...HE'S GOT A NERVE ASSUMING I'D WANT HIM.
TED? DENISE ...I KNOW, TED. WELL, I'M NOT DATING HIM NOW. WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING NOW? YES...I'D LIKE THAT. SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT.
TED SAYS THERE'S A PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT ...I'M GOING AND I'LL HAVE A GOOD TIME IF IT KILLS ME!
I DON'T HAVE TO BE IN LOVE WITH JOSH IF I DON'T WANT TO!
I TRIED...I KEPT DATING! I GOT ALONG...AFTER AWHILE THE SHARP PAIN IN MY HEART BECAME A DULL ACHE I COULD LIVE WITH....
WHY ARE WE GOING TO SILVER BEACH, TED? THE GANG WILL BE AT...
THERE'S SOMEONE AT SILVER BEACH I WANT TO SEE, DENISE.
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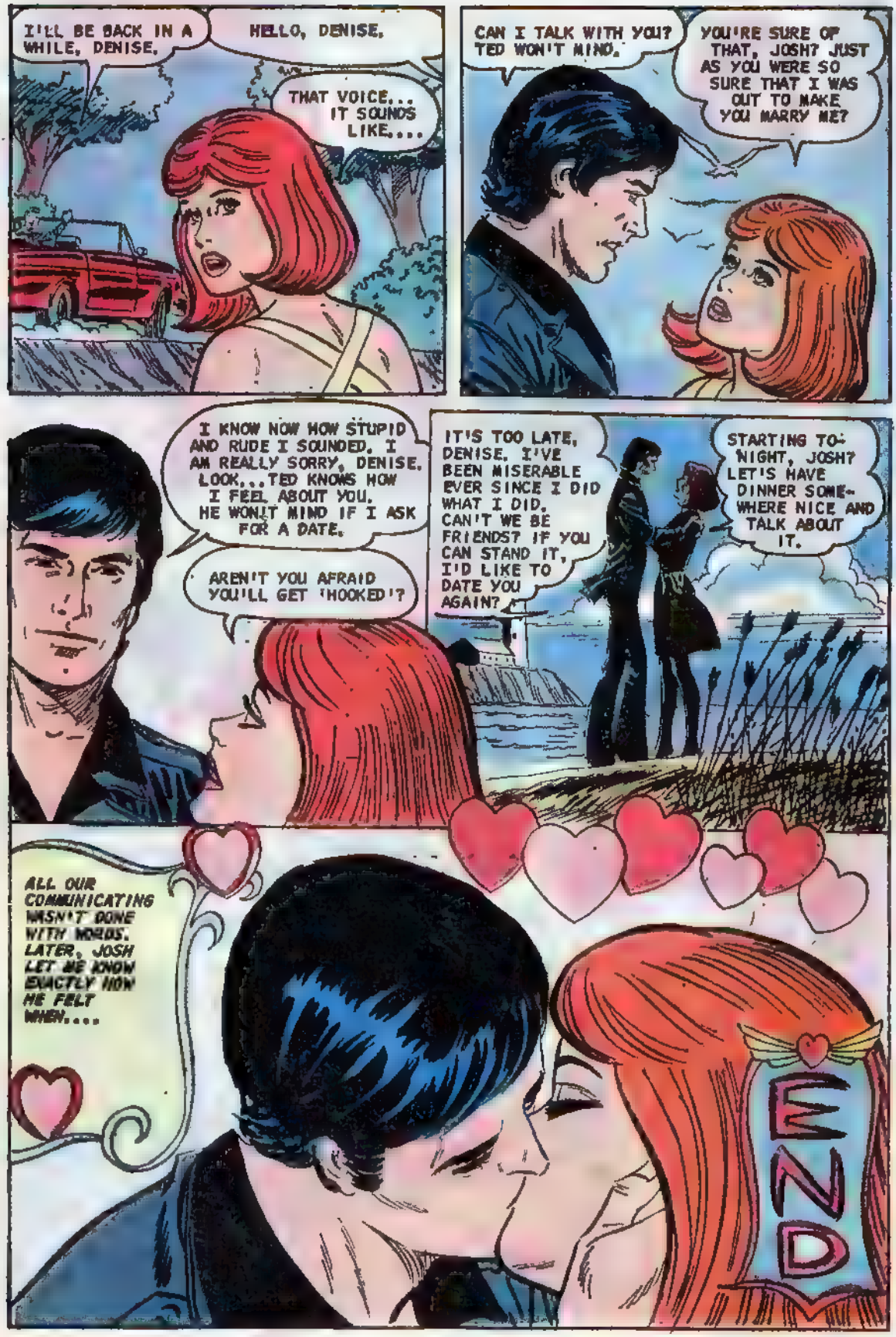
I'LL BE BACK IN A WHILE, DENISE.
HELLO, DENISE.
THAT VOICE... IT SOUNDS LIKE....
CAN I TALK WITH YOU? TED WON'T MIND.
YOU'RE SURE OF THAT, JOSH? JUST AS YOU WERE SO SURE THAT I WAS OUT TO MAKE YOU MARRY ME?
I KNOW NOW HOW STUPID AND RUDE I SOUNDED. I AM REALLY SORRY, DENISE. LOOK...TED KNOWS HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU. HE WON'T MIND IF I ASK FOR A DATE.
AREN'T YOU AFRAID YOU'LL GET 'HOOKED'?
IT'S TOO LATE, DENISE. I'VE BEEN MISERABLE EVER SINCE I DID WHAT I DID. CAN'T WE BE FRIENDS? IF YOU CAN STAND IT, I'D LIKE TO DATE YOU AGAIN?
STARTING TO-NIGHT, JOSH? LET'S HAVE DINNER SOME-WHERE NICE AND TALK ABOUT IT.
ALL OUR COMMUNICATING WASN'T DONE WITH WORDS. LATER, JOSH LET BE KNOW EXACTLY HOW HE FELT WHEN....
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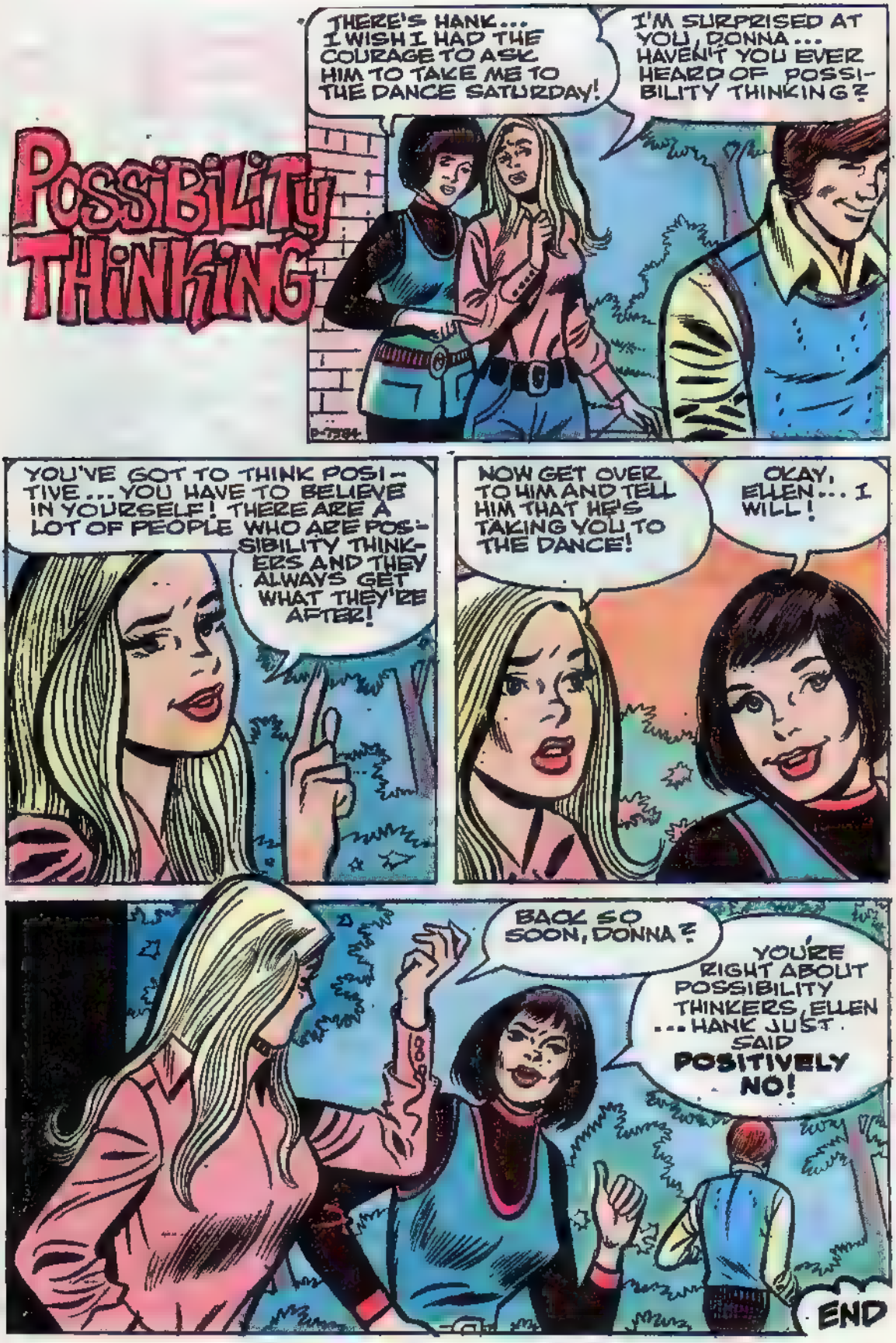
POSSIBILITY THINKING
THERE'S HANK... I WISH I HAD THE COURAGE TO ASK HIM TO TAKE ME TO THE DANCE SATURDAY!
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, DONNA... HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF POSSI-BILITY THINKING?
YOU'VE GOT TO THINK POSI-TIVE... YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF! THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE POS-SIBILITY THINK-ERS AND THEY ALWAYS GET WHAT THEY'RE AFTER!
NOW GET OVER TO HIM AND TELL HIM THAT HE'S TAKING YOU TO THE DANCE!
OKAY, ELLEN... I WILL!
BACK SO SOON, DONNA?
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT POSSIBILITY THINKERS, ELLEN ...HANK JUST SAID POSITIVELY NO!
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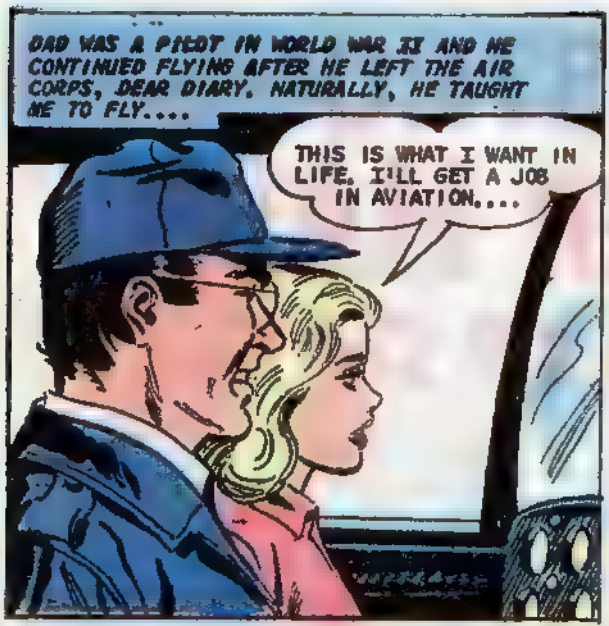
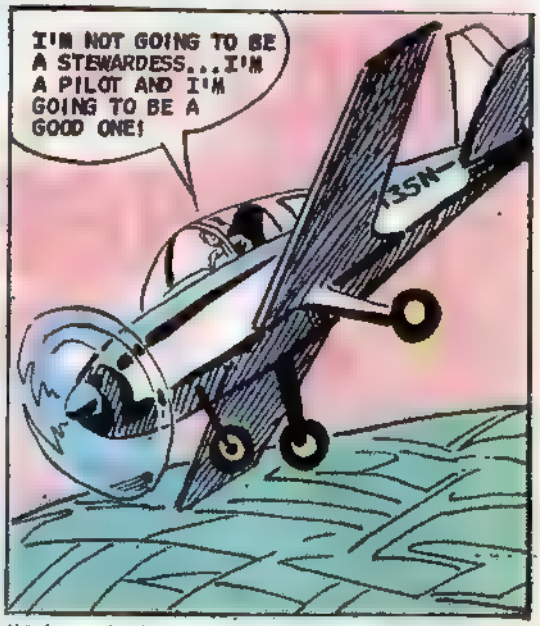
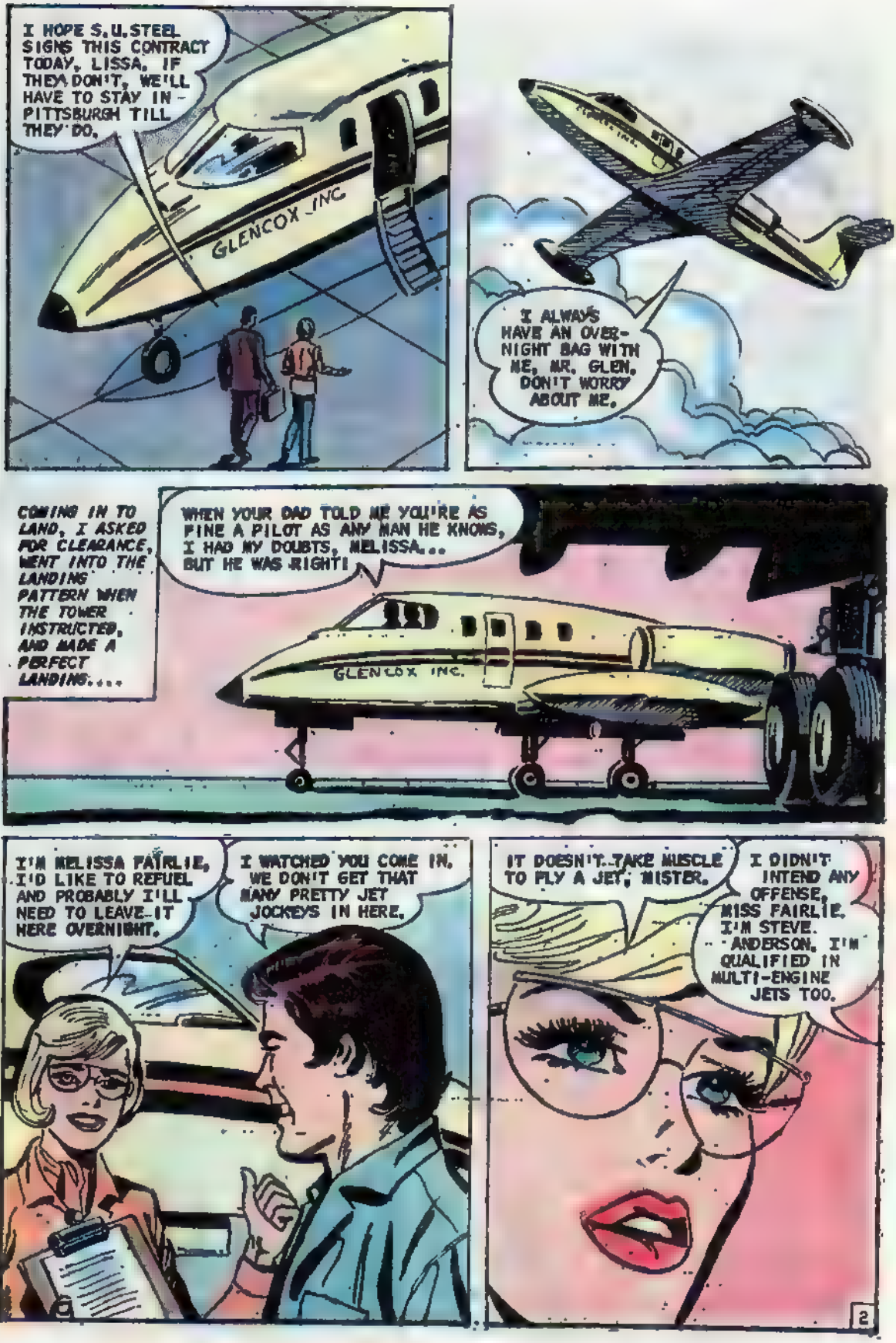

DAD WAS A PILOT IN WORLD WAR II AND HE CONTINUED FLYING AFTER HE LEFT THE AIR CORPS, DEAR DIARY. NATURALLY, HE TAUGHT ME TO FLY....
THIS IS WHAT I WANT IN LIFE. I'LL GET A JOB IN AVIATION....



Cupid Wears Wings

GETTING A PILOT'S LICENSE WASN'T TOO DIFFICULT, DEAR DIARY...BUT THEN I HAD TO QUALIFY IN MULTI-ENGINE PLANES, THEN JETS, AND I HAD TO STUDY NAVIGATION, INSTRUMENT FLYING, ETC. IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO LONG BECAUSE I LOVED EVERY MOMENT OF IT...MOST OF ALL I LOVED FLYING!

ONE OF DAD'S FRIENDS, ARNOLD GLEN, IS A PARTNER IN GLENCOX...HE HIRED ME BECAUSE I WAS QUALIFIED...AND HE'D KNOWN ME SINCE I WAS A BABY.


I HOPE S.U.STEEL SIGNS THIS CONTRACT TODAY, LISSA. IF THEY DON'T, WE'LL HAVE TO STAY IN PITTSBURGH TILL THEY DO.
GLENCOX INC.
I ALWAYS HAVE AN OVER-NIGHT BAG WITH ME, MR. GLEN. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
COMING IN TO LAND, I ASKED FOR CLEARANCE, WENT INTO THE LANDING PATTERN WHEN THE TOWER INSTRUCTED, AND MADE A PERFECT LANDING....
WHEN YOUR DAD TOLD ME YOU'RE AS FINE A PILOT AS ANY MAN HE KNOWS, I HAD MY DOUBTS, MELISSA... BUT HE WAS RIGHT!
GLENCOX INC.
I'M MELISSA FAIRLIE, I'D LIKE TO REFUEL AND PROBABLY I'LL NEED TO LEAVE IT HERE OVERNIGHT.
I WATCHED YOU COME IN. WE DON'T GET THAT MANY PRETTY JET JOCKEYS IN HERE.
IT DOESN'T TAKE MUSCLE TO FLY A JET, MISTER.
I DIDN'T INTEND ANY OFFENSE, MISS FAIRLIE. I'M STEVE ANDERSON. I'M QUALIFIED IN MULTI-ENGINE JETS TOO.
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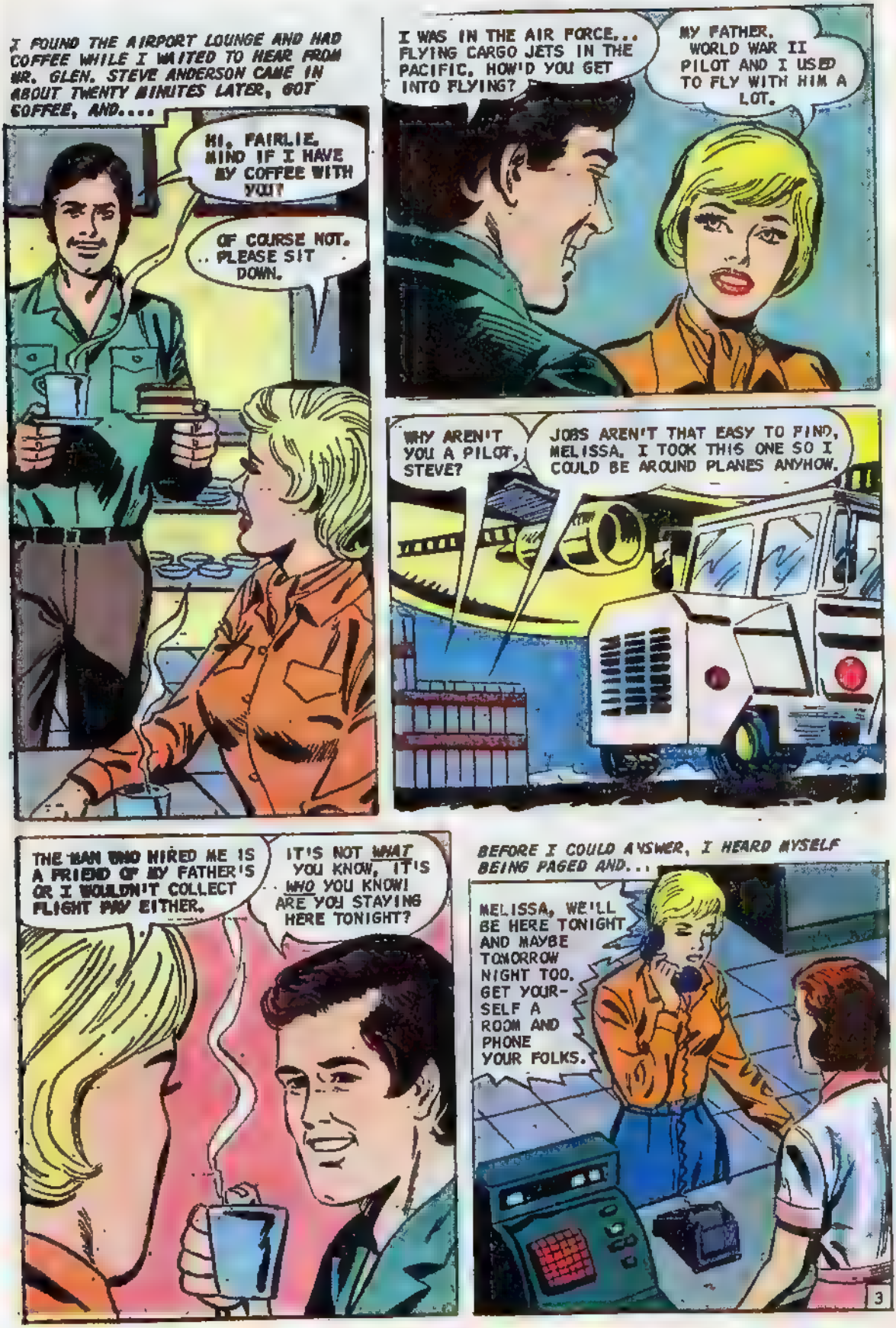
I FOUND THE AIRPORT LOUNGE AND HAD COFFEE WHILE I WAITED TO HEAR FROM MR. GLEN. STEVE ANDERSON CAME IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER, GOT COFFEE, AND....
HI, FAIRLIE. MIND IF I HAVE MY COFFEE WITH YOU?
OF COURSE NOT. .. PLEASE SIT DOWN.
I WAS IN THE AIR FORCE... FLYING CARGO JETS IN THE PACIFIC. HOW'D YOU GET INTO FLYING?
MY FATHER, WORLD WAR II PILOT AND I USED TO FLY WITH HIM A LOT.
WHY AREN'T YOU A PILOT, STEVE?
JOBS AREN'T THAT EASY TO FIND, MELISSA. I TOOK THIS ONE SO I COULD BE AROUND PLANES ANYHOW.
THE MAN WHO HIRED ME IS A FRIEND OF MY FATHER'S OR I WOULDN'T COLLECT FLIGHT PAY EITHER.
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW, IT'S WHO YOU KNOW! ARE YOU STAYING HERE TONIGHT?
BEFORE I COULD ANSWER, I HEARD MYSELF BEING PAGED AND...
MELISSA, WE'LL BE HERE TONIGHT AND MAYBE TOMORROW NIGHT TOO. GET YOURSELF A ROOM AND PHONE YOUR FOLKS.
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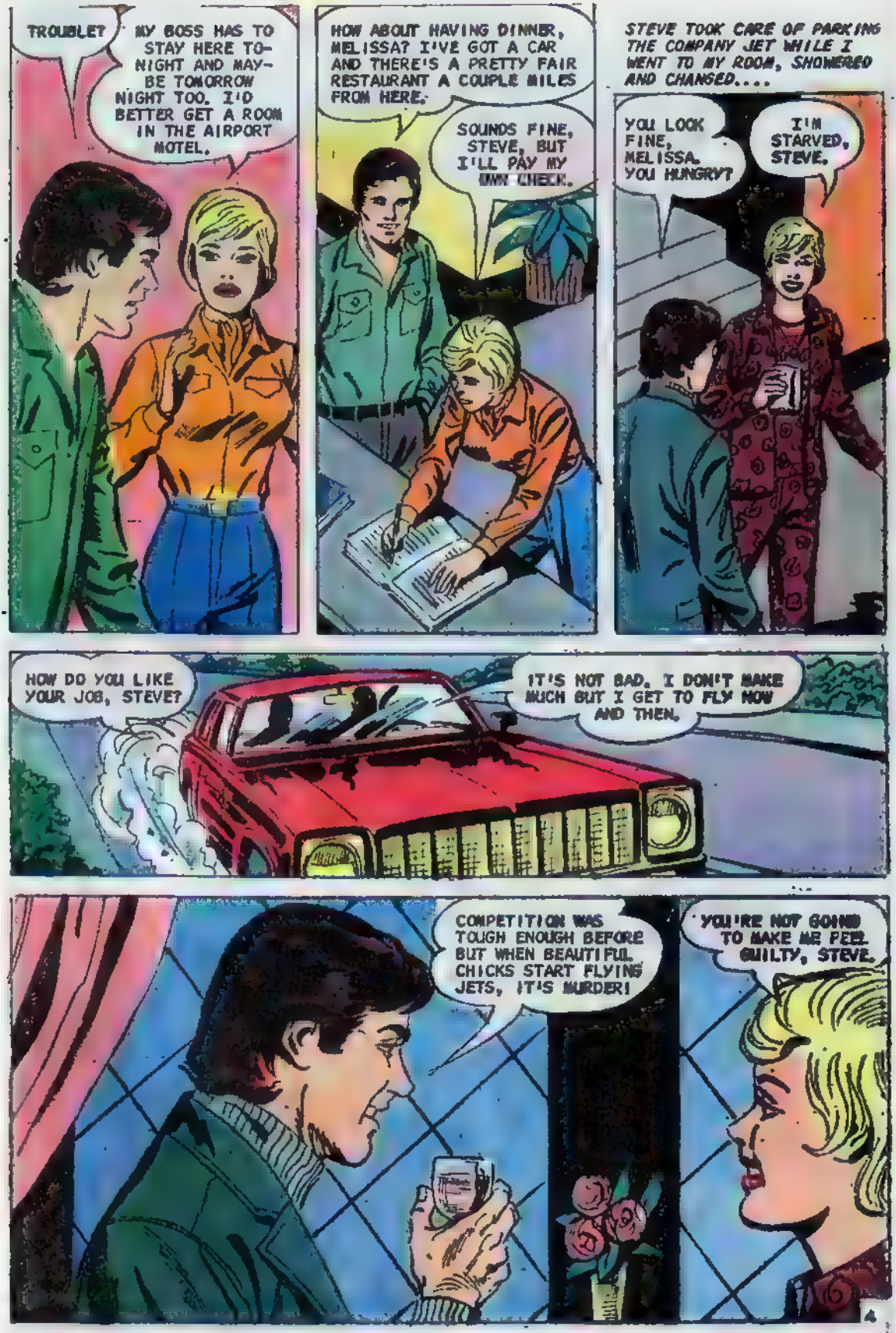
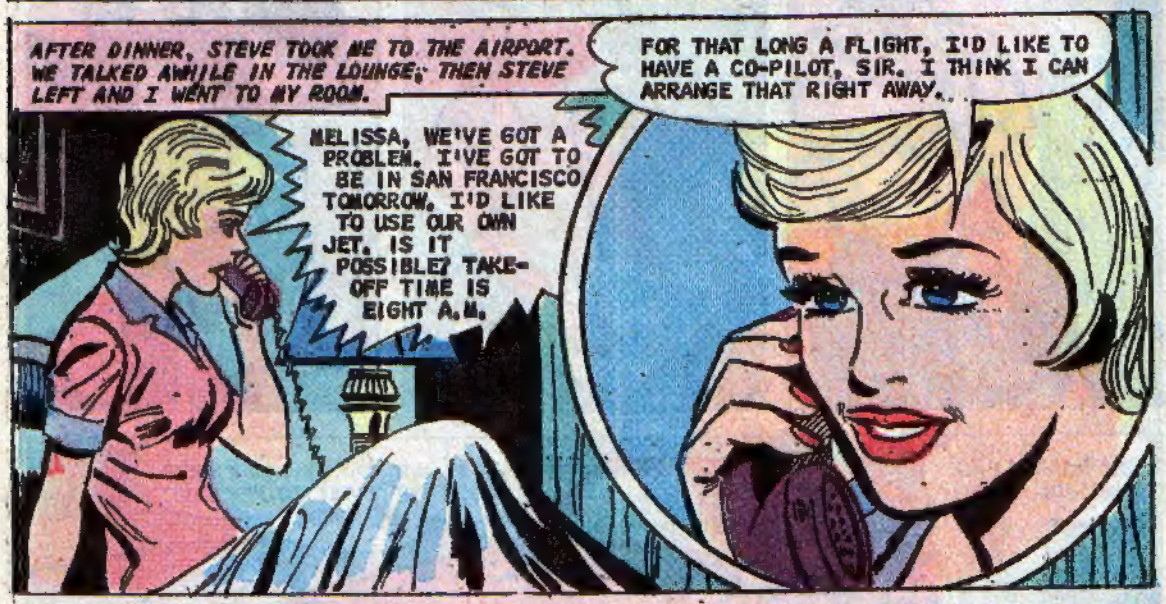
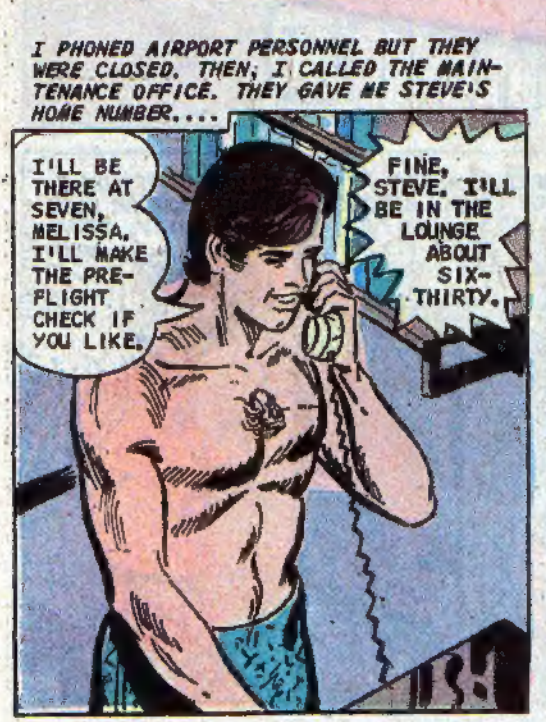

TROUBLE?
MY BOSS HAS TO STAY HERE TONIGHT AND MAYBE TOMORROW NIGHT TOO. I'D BETTER GET A ROOM IN THE AIRPORT MOTEL.
HOW ABOUT HAVING DINNER, MELISSA? I'VE GOT A CAR AND THERE'S A PRETTY FAIR RESTAURANT A COUPLE MILES FROM HERE.
SOUNDS FINE, STEVE, BUT I'LL PAY MY OWN CHECK.
STEVE TOOK CARE OF PARKING THE COMPANY JET WHILE I WENT TO MY ROOM, SHOWERED AND CHANGED....
YOU LOOK FINE, MELISSA. YOU HUNGRY?
I'M STARVED, STEVE.
HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR JOB, STEVE?
IT'S NOT BAD. I DON'T MAKE MUCH BUT I GET TO FLY NOW AND THEN.
COMPETITION WAS TOUGH ENOUGH BEFORE BUT WHEN BEAUTIFUL CHICKS START FLYING JETS, IT'S MURDER!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE ME FEEL GUILTY, STEVE.

THIS IS A NICE RESTAURANT, STEVE. DO YOU TAKE ALL YOUR DATES HERE?
VIKING INN
I DON'T DATE VERY OFTEN, MELISSA. I HAD A GIRL A YEAR AGO BUT SHE MARRIED SOMEONE ELSE.


AFTER DINNER, STEVE TOOK ME TO THE AIRPORT. WE TALKED AWHILE IN THE LOUNGE; THEN STEVE LEFT AND I WENT TO MY ROOM.
MELISSA, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM. I'VE GOT TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO TOMORROW. I'D LIKE TO USE OUR OWN JET. IS IT POSSIBLE? TAKE-OFF TIME IS EIGHT A.M.
FOR THAT LONG A FLIGHT, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A CO-PILOT, SIR. I THINK I CAN ARRANGE THAT RIGHT AWAY...


I PHONED AIRPORT PERSONNEL BUT THEY WERE CLOSED. THEN, I CALLED THE MAINTENANCE OFFICE. THEY GAVE ME STEVE'S HOME NUMBER....
I'LL BE THERE AT SEVEN, MELISSA. I'LL MAKE THE PRE-FLIGHT CHECK IF YOU LIKE.
FINE, STEVE. I'LL BE IN THE LOUNGE ABOUT SIX-THIRTY.

NEXT MORNING
GOOD MORNING, STEVE. I'M A LITTLE LATE.
I ORDERED FOR YOU... COFFEE, JUICE, BACON AND EGGS.

STEVE HAD BEEN CHECKED OUT IN A PLANE LIKE OURS SO I LET HIM RUN THE CHECK. HE KNEW HIS JOB AND I WAS GLAD....
MR. GLEN, THIS IS STEVE ANDERSON. HE'S FULLY QUALIFIED.
GLAD YOU WERE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE, STEVE.
NICE TAKE-OFF, STEVE.
VROOOM
JOE COX AND I DECIDED TO GET ANOTHER TWIN JET, MELISSA. WE'LL NEED AT LEAST ONE OTHER PILOT. HAVE YOU ANY SUGGESTIONS?
I BELIEVE STEVE MIGHT BE PURSUADED TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE HE WORKS FOR, MR. GLEN. I'LL LET YOU KNOW LATER.
STEVE JUMPED AT THE CHANCE, DEAR DIARY. A MONTH LATER, HE WAS THE PILOT FOR OUR FIRST JET. I GOT THE JOB FLYING THE NEW PLANE... ALL THIS WHILE FALLING MADLY IN LOVE!
ALL THIS IS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL DREAM, MELISSA. GETTING THIS JOB... KNOWING YOU... IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
IT'S TRUE, STEVE, AND I'M VERY GLAD WE MET TOO....
I LOVE YOU, MELISSA...WILL YOU MARRY ME?
OF COURSE, DARLING...BUT I'M GOING TO KEEP MY JOB!
The End

Jennifer's corner

Jennifer White is a counselor in the problems of teen-agers. She has been giving help and advice for several years, and will be glad to help you with any problems you might have. Just write her a letter, stating your situation clearly and briefly, and each month the letters chosen will appear in this publication. She welcomes all letters, but regrets that she cannot send any personal replies.

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Dear Jennifer:

Hi! I'm fourteen years old, and I have a problem unlike any I've seen in this column before. I have to make a choice between two guys, and I just can't make up my mind, so here's my story. Please tell me what you think.

I recently spent a weekend at my aunt's house where I met a couple of my uncle's friends. One was married and the other was single. I started to like the single one, whom I'll call Bernie. We went riding on his motorcycle, and I had a lot of fun. As soon as we got back to my aunt's house, he had to leave for work, so my uncle's other friend, whom I'll call Bobby, asked me if I wanted a ride on his motorcycle. I said O.K., so we went and had a great time. He took me to this park and we rode around there. Then he told me that he liked me and wanted to see me more often. I was so surprised I didn't know what to say. We rode around some more and then he took me back to my aunt's.

The next night, there was a party at his mother's house. My aunt and I went, and Bobby was there with his wife. I felt so upset when I saw him kiss her. I didn't feel like staying there, so I went outside. I was sort of waiting for him to come out, and he did, but he paid no attention to me. That made me even more upset. But the next day, I saw Bernie, and again I liked him so much. He took me riding on his motorcycle again, and I had a great time until he took me to the park that Bobby took me to two days before that. Then I started missing Bobby again. Right now I'm so confused I don't know what to do. I like Bernie, but I still miss Bobby. What would you do if you were in my place?

Signed,
Upset

Dear Upset:

I'd forget Bobby. He has a responsibility as a married man and has no business fooling around, so don't give him any encouragement to do so. Instead, concentrate on Bernie, for you did tell me that you liked him and had good times with him. If, however, you find that he no longer appeals to you, don't start looking at Bobby again. Leave him alone, or you'll only end up hurt and in big trouble with all concerned. Find someone else who is new and single.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

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Dear Jennifer:

I have a problem. I love a guy named Tony and another guy named Richy. Right now they are both mad at me because I keep switching off and on with them. I broke up with each of them six times. I told them that I was sorry and that I still loved them, but they don't believe me and won't forgive me. What do you think I should do?

Signed,
Sorry

Dear Sorry:

I think you should forget both of them. Let them go out and find girls who will be considerate of their feelings and who won't play games with them, such as switching from one to the other. Let this serve as a lesson to you: if you want a real boyfriend, treat him as though he means something to you, for he should. Let him know where he stands by not playing with his feelings as you did with these two boys.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

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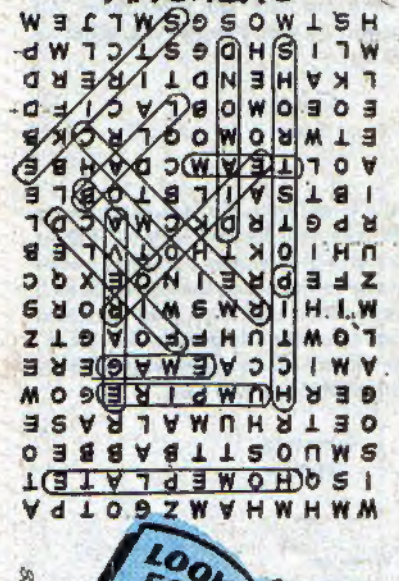

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